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RECONSTRUCTION IN JAPAN.

IMPERIAL RESCRIPT ISSUED.

APPEAL TO NATIONAL PRIDE.

ALLEGED STATEMENT RE INSURANCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRUSSELS, September 12.

The King and Queen of the Belgians and the Royal Princes, have become patrons of the Belgian National Committee for Japanese Relief, which, as a first donation has cabled £100,000 through the Belgian Ambassador to Japan.

A Signa message states that £15,000 has been subscribed up to date to the Viceroy's Japanese Relief Fund. A central committee is dealing with collections and expenditure. A dispatch from Rome states that His Eminence the Pope has sent \$20,000 to the apostolic delegation at Washington for remittance to Tokyo for the benefit of the sufferers.

JAPANESE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

LONDON, September 12.

The announcement that Japanese Insurance Companies have decided to pay losses in full, not availing themselves of the earthquake clauses, closely concerns British companies, with which Japanese companies have reinsured.

The consensus of opinion on the London Insurance Market is that Japanese companies cannot pay claims not strictly covered in the policies without consultation with the reinsurance company.

In the event of Japanese companies admitting claims not covered in the original policies, the extent of the liability of the reinsuring companies will be a matter for negotiation and adjustment.

A wire from Paris states that M. Poincaré, the Premier, has approved the opening of public subscriptions in the Paris press for the Japanese Relief Fund.

AN IMPERIAL RESCRIPT.

OSAKA, September 12.

The twelfth imperial rescript, regarding the revival of the national capital was promulgated on Wednesday.

After dwelling on the disastrous nature of the earthquake, which is characterised as an unprecedented national calamity, the rescript appealed to the nation to make a supreme effort and take drastic measures in order to restore stability of popular sentiment. It emphasised the necessity of not only restoring but further developing Tokyo, which was the political, economic centre of the country and the main source of national civilization. Tokyo resented the national capital, although its outward structure was destroyed. The rescript further stated that a special organ would be established for the revival of the capital. It concluded by calling forth the unified effort of the government and people for the relief of the sufferers, the suppression of disquieting rumours and the revival of national strength.

DONCASTER ST. LEGER.

THE FAVOURITE BEATEN.

LONDON, September 12.

The result of the race for the St. Leger, run at Doncaster to-day, was:

Tranquil (Western) 1
Papyrus (Donoghue) 2
Teresina (Hulme) 3

Thirteen started. Won by 2 lengths, 1 1/2 between second and third. Time 3 mins. 5 secs.

The afternoon was gloriously fine after a slight shower of rain in the morning. Princess Mary and Lord Lascelles were present and received a great ovation.

THE RACE DESCRIBED.

To a good start, Tranquil showed the way to Ellangowan, Eastern Monarch, Goidumfo (Scapino or Soldumeno), Old Nick and Twelve-pointer with Parth last for three furlongs. When half the distance had been covered, Ellangowan forced the pace, pursued by Tranquil, Twelvepointer, Teresina and Papyrus. Entering the straight, Ellangowan led from Parth, Tranquil, Teresina and Papyrus. Three furlongs from home, however, Ellangowan was beaten. Tranquil outstayed Papyrus and won easily. Parth was fourth and Doric last. The race was run in 3 mins. 5 secs. Scapino was ridden by Frank Bullock. Light-house did not start.

"LORD RENFREW."

THE PRINCE IN CANADA.

QUEBEC, September 12.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales travelling as Lord Renfrew arrived this morning aboard the "Empress of France," the officers of which state that the Prince thoroughly enjoyed the voyage. The welcome of an official character was a call by the Governor General's Aide-de-camp. The Prince proceeds almost immediately to his ranch at Albert.

COLLISION IN FOG.

BATTLESHIP HITS STEAMER.

SAN PEDRO (CALIFORNIA), Sept. 12. The American Battleship "Texas," steaming in a dense fog, collided with the Italian liner, "Steel Seafarer" near the rocks on which the seven destroyers were wrecked. The "Steel Seafarer" was holed above the waterline and is proceeding under her own steam to San Francisco.

GETTING FED UP.

ANTI-SOVIET OUTBREAKS.

RIGA, September 12.

A big strike has been declared in the Government mills works at Moscow. Anti-Soviet outbreaks are reported from Tauritzin, Tula and other parts of Russia.

FIUME AND THE RUHR.

MORE FROM MUSSOLINI.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ROME, September 12.

Signor Mussolini, referring to Fiume, said a final proposal which was absolutely fair and conciliatory had been made by Italy to Belgrade. So far there had been no reply thereto, therefore judgment or comment were premature. There was always a possibility of direct agreement without recourse to arbitration, especially if the Belgrade Government learned to estimate relations between the two governments from a less narrow local viewpoint.

Referring to the *Detente* on the questions of reparations and the Ruhr, Signor Mussolini forecasted the beginning of decisive *pourparlers* in the near future. It must not be thought that a solution was easy or imminent but the horizon would be clear. Passive resistance had no sense or utility and its pursuit would lead deliberately to catastrophe. Therefore the Italian government had intervened to convince Berlin.

SETTLEMENT NEARER.

BERLIN, September 12.

President Stresemann addressing representatives of the German press said clearly the solution of the Ruhr trouble could not be achieved solely by a continuance of passive resistance, nor by a policy of force. The Government could do a great service if it could shorten the Ruhr dispute, but feelings which hitherto had been extended showed difficulties existing. The question of the sovereignty of the Rhineland and regaining freedom of the Ruhr was decisive to Germany who was ready to give real guarantees for them.

FURTHER VIEWS.

BERLIN, September 12.

Replying to M. Poincaré's speech of the 9th, President Stresemann lengthily contended that the pledges Germany now offered were real and negotiable assets which went beyond the mortgages provided by the treaty of Versailles and that France would come into immediate possession of large sums. Germany must however first be given the right to administer the Ruhr, and recover her sovereignty of the Rhineland. These pledges were capable of solving the question of passive resistance provided the assurance was given that on such understanding the Ruhr would be evacuated and the Rhineland given her former rights. If they received the assurance that everyone whose home was in the Rhineland and the Ruhr would be restored there was no reason why the region should not regain its former zest for work. He trusted such a settlement would be possible. The Government had been assured by the leading representatives of industry and finance that the Ruhr would be evacuated of the obligations in connection with the proposed scheme. The possibility of understanding depended upon whether a suitable atmosphere could be created. He finally hoped that France's rulers would share the view that it was now necessary to secure peace by a policy of justice which it was calculated would dispel national passions and thus give guarantees of lasting peace.

HOME CRICKET.

SCARBOROUGH FESTIVAL.

LONDON, September 12.

The Scarborough Festival M.C.C. v. Yorkshire match resulted as follows:—

M.C.C. declared at 358 for 9 wickets. Astill (Leicestershire) contributing 102 and A.E. Gilligan (Sussex) 100. Yorkshire replied with 181, of which Sutcliffe scored 61, P.G.H. Fender (Surrey) getting 6 wickets for 40 runs. Following on Yorkshire made 322 for 40 runs in the innings was declared; Holmes compiled 60, Sutcliffe 62 and Rhodes 84 not out. Rain came on and the match was abandoned.

At Blackpool, an England XI defeated Lancashire. The England XI made 265 (Sandham of Surrey) compiling 63. The second innings realised 259, Cowley (Sussex) hitting up 62 and Mead (Hampshire) 55. Lancashire's first innings score was 252 (Hallows 63, Pevsner 60). The second innings realised 83, when the Australian Macdonald took 7 wickets for 46.

[E.A. Macdonald was one of the Test bowlers who wrought havoc on English wickets in 1921. At the end of the tour a controversy arose through an invitation to him to play for Nelson in league cricket.]

CROWING NOW.

MUSSOLINI AND GREEKS.

ROME, September 12.

In a speech to the Cabinet, Signor Mussolini said the Italo-Greek conflict was in a fair way to settlement as the Conference of Ambassadors had substantially adopted the demands of Italy's first ultimatum. Italy's firmness had prevented the intervention of the League. Corfu would be evacuated when Greece had completely performed the duty of fulfilling the demands of the Ambassadors' note. Public opinion in the countries which at first were hostile was changing thanks to the splendid display of Italian unity.

ARMY POLO.

U.S.A. V. BRITAIN.

NEW YORK, September 12.

The United States Army polo team defeated the British Army team by 10 goals to 7.

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LONDON, September 12.

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A Quantity of**Valuable Household Furniture,**

Comprising:-

Teak bedsteads, wardrobes, marble

top washstands, dressing table,

extension dining table, chest of

drawers, ice chest, carpet, curtains,

marble clock, electric table fans,

barometer, etc., etc.

A few pieces of Canton Blackwood

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One Cottage Piano.

One Enamel Bath.

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On View from Thursday the 13th

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(more or less damaged)

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A Valuable Collection of**Postage Stamps**

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LAMMERT BROS.,

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Hongkong, 10th September, 1923.

The Undersigned have received in-

structions from Mrs. G. A. Sachse

to sell by Public Auction

on

TUESDAY, September 18, 1923,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at "Kingsway," Kennedy Road.

A Large Quantity of Valuable**Household Furniture.**

Comprising:-

Dressing room suite (Chesterfield

couch and chairs, teak tapestry chairs,

teak round and card tables, teak chairs,

beautiful Japanese carved and lac-

quered curio cabinet, Japanese lacquered

screen, large Chinese porcelain vases

brass electroliers, brass ornaments, cut

glass punch barrel, cut glass decanters

and glasses, blue and white Chinese din-

ner set, white dessert set, oil paintings,

large carpets, pile rugs, cushions, cur-

tains, Chinese curios, wall plates etc.,

etc.

Bedsteads, teak wardrobes with be-

velled mirrors, teak dressing tables with

bevelled mirror, marble top washstands,

toilet sets, tables, chairs, etc., etc.

New counterpane, linen sheets, pill-

ow cases, hand and face towels.

A large quantity of blackwood ware.

One Baby Grand piano by John

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Also

One full size Billiard table by Hennig

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Watts, London (which recently changed

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Large Quantities of palms, ferns,

plants and porcelain flower stands.

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On View from Monday, 17th Septem-

ber 1923.

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LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1923.

on

THURSDAY, Sept. 20, 1923,

at 2.45 p.m.

at "Craig Byrie" No. 13 The Peak.

A Large Quantity of Valuable**Household Furniture.**

Comprising:-

Hatstands, hall chairs, Chesterfield

couch and chairs (by Lane Crawford,

Ltd.), teak & tapestry arm chairs with

cushions, curio cabinet, large round din-

ing table, teak side board, dining chairs,

dinner waggons, pictures, ornaments,

carpets, curtains, etc., etc.

Teak and iron double & single bed-

stead, teak single and double wardrobes

with glass doors, dressing table, marble

top washstand, chest of drawers, teak

folding table, teak screen, double and

single toilet sets, Shanghai bath, filter,

ice chest, cooking stove, aluminium and

iron cooking utensils, etc., etc.

Also

Several pieces of blackwood ware.

And

A large quantity of palms, ferns and

plants.

On View from Wednesday the 19th,

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ODDS AND ENDS.**MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.****Hamilton Palace.**

Doubts as to the date of erection

of the south wing of Hamilton

Palace, which is being demolished,

have existed for some time, but con-

jecture has been stopped (according

to "P. B." in the *Westminster**Gazette*) by a discovery made by a

workman. Two stones have been

brought to light, one bearing the

inscription: "Funded by Anna,

Duchess of Hamilton, May Anno

Dom. 1696." The other has carved

on its surface the words: "Laid

by Lo Hamilton, Fif May 28, 1696."

It is thought that the incomplete

words are "Lord" and "Fifth,"

referring, of course, to the peer

who performed the ceremony. A

piece of Scottish money—a forty-

shilling coin—was found cemented

in one of the stones. Its date was

1695.

The Gay Gordons.

General Sir Ian Hamilton,

G.C.M.G., D.S.O., visited Aberdeen

and formally opened the club

buildings for Service men in King

Street (formerly the County Hotel),

acquired as a memorial to the Gor-

don Highlanders who fell in the

war. Sir Ian Hamilton, in his ad-

dress, said that the Gordon High-

landers were members of a chosen

band which had in all the world no

peer. Since the ancient heroes of

Homer used to claim descent from

the immortal Gods there had been

no legend, heraldic, fabulous, or

otherwise, which could compete

against the authentic, certificated,

historical fact that the Gordons

were created by the innocent kisses

of the loveliest woman in Bonnie

Scotland, Jean Duchess of Gordon.

She rode the county fairs in High-

land bonnet and regimental jacket,

and scores, who would else have

spurned the King's shilling, receiv-

ed it with rapture from her lips.

Seeing Mont Blanc.

I saw Mont Blanc for the first

time from Geneva (says a writer in

the *Star*). I was sitting outside a

café in front of the lake. In spite

of the awning and the double row

of trees along the promenade and

theiced luncheon, it was very hot,

and my eyes wandered curiously

across the blue water to a spot

where hundreds of naked boys

were penned in a bathing enclos-

ure—such a cool sight, all those

naked bodies with the sun on them,

looking as rosy as whiteheart cher-

ries. While clouds hung just above

them—big banks of white on the

blue sky, and I was idly watching

these when the sensational fact

suddenly broke upon me that the

particular bank of cloud I was look-

ing at was not cloud after all

but a white mountain—

Mont Blanc. It was obvious,

on the boat returning to Laus-

anne, two hours distant, that the

principal object of a visit to Geneva

was to see Mont Blanc. Geneva is

a beautiful city, with a Parisian

sparkle about its handsome streets

and gay pavement cafés and brass-

eries set off exquisitely by the

blue waters of the lake and the

soft green gardens along the shores.

But the chief exclamation among

the English and Americans on

board was, "There! Now you can

see Mont Blanc!" (Or even "Mount

Blanche.") Ladies from Mass. and

Pa. opened diaries and recorded

the hour of the day on which they

had first seen Mont Blanc. How

strange and perverse when, so far

as the eye was concerned there was

nothing but a cloud! In spite of

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPT. 13, 1923.

PUT TO GOVERN.

Mr. G. Bernard Shaw's claim to greatness is we believe generally admitted. He himself has said:—"I am a great man myself." Therefore anything that Mr. Shaw has to say demands the attention that should be given to the oracles of greatness. Thus when Mr. Shaw outlines a scheme which is to give us the type of person who alone can come to the tasks and problems of good government with that outlook of vision, breadth of mind, and knowledge of affairs which should be a sine qua non of all who aspire to have a hand in government, his suggestions demand close and earnest attention. Mr. Shaw's scheme seems simple in its design and far-reaching in its outlook. If, says Mr. Shaw, the people were left to choose their own Government they would choose men like Mr. Bottomley. A scheme was therefore needed for scientifically testing the capacity of men to deal with various branches of public affairs, and his suggestion aims at forming a test committee to supply the country with a series of panels. Panel A. would include all the men and women capable of dealing with foreign policy and finance; panel B. of those who could deal efficiently with home affairs and who would make very decent members of Parliament. Those on panel C. would be capable of handling municipal business. If such panels could be obtained, "democracy might have some sense" Mr. Shaw argues. The electors would be told that they were free people and must

choose the members from panel B. There would be thousands of people on it and they must not choose Mr. Bottomley or people who were obviously disqualified. Parliament would choose the Cabinet, and above all the president or prime minister from panel A. Without such tests it would be better to have government by something like the House of Lords. A member of that House was there because he was the son of his father, apart from which he might be able and honest. Every member of the House of Commons had had to go through the test of an election which, unfortunately, strained out the honest and able men. This may seem a very utopian way of doing things which from time immemorial has been one of party politics. If such a scheme could be inaugurated, the gain would be beyond words to compute. The mind has only to dwell on the mistakes which in the past have been made due to incompetency in different departments of State and Government activities; the withdrawal of men of mind from public affairs as represented by the House of Commons due to their belief that as present carried on politics is an unclean thing; the undercurrents that always have been a "feature" of political life; the sale of honours and the jobbery that is such an obvious feature of public life. The principal public offices in the state are invariably the rewards of the politician. A man may be a good party man but it does not follow that that fits him to govern a state, rule a dependency, sit on the highest of judicial benches, or become the possessor of a position which means safety for the future in the way of an assured income and a pension. Party politics is the bug bear. Adopt the panel system and we might reason-

ably expect the ills that party Government brings in its train to vanish, for "all" presumably, "would be for the State." The chief difficulty seems to be the formation of the Test Committee and the regulation of policies. There would probably be differences in opinion regarding the personnel of the Test Committee and the regulation of policies, but these do not seem to be insuperable obstacles in the way of obtaining the desired thing—men fit to govern.

Fame.

"President Coolidge rose early to-day and went for a walk before breakfast," says a New York cable. A week or so ago he might have walked 20 miles before breakfast, and no-one would have cared. Now, when a sheer accident has made him President, his every little habit is considered of sufficient interest to cable all over the world. We shall now no more be allowed to remain in ignorance of his idiosyncrasies. Mr. Stanley Baldwin smokes a pipe and is fond of rearing pigs. The world is charmed, amused and interested. A year or so ago no-one would have turned a hair at this piece of information which adds not one bit to the world's happiness or increases knowledge or anything else. Max Linder the cinema star is announced to be married under alleged piquant circumstances. Charlie Chaplin's matrimonial affairs seem to be up the Pole (Negro). Madam Langlen wears a bandeau and has invented a garter. She is said to be rather good at tennis. Paderewski plays the piano with all the lights out; that is to say when he is playing, all the lights, save one, are extinguished. We have to be meticulously accurate in these matters. The Prince of Wales has a wonderfully sweet smile and had tea with Mr. Thomas Hardy the other day. Can we make much progress towards a real democracy so long as we demand the supply of such futile information as this? Our public men and those others are not demi-gods; they are as human as our squires or our duskins. We appoint them—the public men, to look after our interests—just that. Are we thus to be fed with these scraps of kitchen gossip in order that our eyes may be blinded to what really concerns us in them—their acts? Possibly it is the false sentiment inspired by such newspaper gush that led 100,000 Americans to storm the Chicago railway yards merely so that they may say they had seen the train go by that bore the body of President Harding.

Conference or League?

The Italo-Greek conflict is, we are assured by Signor Mussolini, in a fair way to settlement. This satisfactory outcome to what looked like developing into a second Sarajevo, Mussolini boastfully attributes to Italian "unity and firmness." It was scarcely to be expected that anybody with a mind so small as Mussolini has revealed his to be should have forborne to crow over this "triumph of Italian diplomacy" as he recently called it. As a matter of fact it is not a triumph for Italian anything but a tribute to the good sense and forbearance of the Greeks. Greece was anxious at all costs to avoid a clash and the rest of Europe may well be thankful that she was able to regard the irresponsible outbursts of Mussolini in the same light as a person who is, as they say, "grown-up" regards the vapourings of petulant youth. The episode has been useful in that it has shown us how much, or rather how little, the League of Nations really cuts. It has also demonstrated the absurdity and the danger of allowing the League and the Conference of Ambassadors to exist side by side. The Conference is the vicious successor of the equally vicious Supreme Council of the Allies and should have been scrapped when the League was formed. Because it was not scrapped but is obviously still the Big Noise in European, if not world, politics Mussolini is able to boast, as *Reuter* reports to-day, that "Italian firmness prevented the intervention of the League." The scriptural aphorism that no man can serve two masters needs no embroidering—either we will have to wash out the League of Nations idea or the Conference of Ambassadors will have to be relegated to the obscurity from which the wrong-headedness of post-war politics permitted it to emerge.

To-day's Poem.

(Where To, Sir?)
When I was a lad there were hansom cabs in London
With drivers on top of a little
Back stair
And horses that ran under silver
Tipt harness
Or stood by the kerb-stone awaiting a fare,
And tossed in the air
Their nose-bags of corn for the
Sparrows to share.

And sometimes in Spring when the nose-bags were leaking,
And sparrows were loud amid loot of split corn,
Old cabbies reached over the slender
Park railings
And stole a rosette of the double
red thorn
Its mare to adorn.
With "Tues may be few, but we
won't be forlorn."

—WILFRED THORLEY.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 13.—Coronet Theatre; "Foolish Wives." At 7.15 "Her Kingdom of Dreams."
September 13.—Star Theatre; "The Son of Wallingford."
September 13.—World Theatre; "The Flirt."
September 15.—Star Theatre; Tina Gerald and Tom Fenwick in a repertoire of One-Act plays, 9.15 p.m.
SOCIAL.
September 14.—Dance held by H.M.S. "Diomedé" at R.N. Canton Theatre.
September 15.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Promenade Concert, 9.15 p.m.
SPORT.
September 15.—Victoria Recreation Club night-swimming fête at 9 p.m. sharp.

LAND SALE.

September 17.—P.W.D. five lots of Crown Land at Pokfulam, 3 p.m.

AUCTIONS.

September 14.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, a valuable collection of Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.
September 14.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, a quantity of valuable household furniture 11 a.m.
September 14.—Lammert Bros., at Godown No. 48 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 900 bags Siam rice, 3 p.m.
September 18.—Lammert Bros., at "Kingsclere," Kennedy Road, a large quantity of valuable household furniture 11 a.m.
September 19.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell St., the s.s. "Wah Kiu," noon.
September 20.—Lammert Bros., at "Craig Rhyie," No. 13 The Peak, a large quantity of valuable household furniture 2.45 p.m.
September 21.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, the s.s. "Chekiang," 3 p.m.

MEETING.

September 18.—First ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Sandakan Light and Power Co., (1922) Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.
September 20.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd., at 67/69, Des Vaux Road, 12.15 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

In the V.R.C. swimming pool on Saturday there will be two water fêtes. Commencing at 3 p.m., the Police Sports will be held, and at 9 p.m. the Club is giving its fifth night fête.

The returns of notifiable diseases, for the 24 hours ending September 11, show two cases of enteric and one each of small-pox and paratyphoid. All patients are Chinese except one Portuguese down with enteric.

In the military canteen, at 5.30 on Monday evening, the final game in connection with the Garrison Water Polo League will take place. The 88th Company of the R.G.A., who have won the League, are to play a team selected from the "Rest." Sir John Fowler, the G.O.C., will present the cup and medals to the winners after the match.

In the Hongkong Water Polo League in the V.R.C. swimming pool last evening, the V.R.C. (B) defeated the King's (B) by 2-1. May scored both goals for the winners, while Potter obtained the point for the King's. In the second match, the R.A.M.C. won by 2-0 from R.G.A. (B). Miles and Bageant scored the points.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. T. W. Pilkington, formerly of Bangkok, has settled down in London, and last month joined the head office staff of the Borneo Company, Limited.

According to an Australian paper, Mr. John B. Coates, who had two years' experience on *The Daily Mail*, London, and subsequently spent some months in the East, on *The China Mail*, has accepted a position on the staff of *The Advertiser* Bendigo. Mr. Coates was unable to stand the climatic conditions in China, and migrated to Melbourne, where before going to Bendigo he did casual work. Mr. Coates has quickly settled down to Bendigo conditions, and has already become very popular with his colleagues.

"LOONGSANG" DISASTER.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

CAPTAIN JOWETT'S STORY.

The Marine Court was crowded with shipping men this morning when a Court of Inquiry presided over by the Harbour Master (Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N.) sat to examine the circumstances attending the foundering of the s.s. "Loongsang" during the typhoon on August 18. The other members of the Court were—
Lieut. Commander Reginald Ramsbottom, R.N., of H.M.S. "Diomedé."
Capt. A. J. Hailey, s.s. "Empress of Canada."
Capt. R. N. Hodgson, s.s. "Rhexenor."
Capt. G. H. Pennefather, s.s. "Kalkan."
Mr. E. Davidson appeared on behalf of the owners of the "Loongsang" the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., who had called for the inquiry, and Mr. D. J. Lewis represented Captain Jowett, the master of the vessel. Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton watched the proceedings on behalf of the China Coast Officers Guild, the Marine Engineers Guild, the crew and representatives of those who perished when the ship went down.

Mr. Davidson first gave a short narrative of the disaster and then Captain Percy Jowett gave his evidence.

CAPTAIN'S GRAPHIC STORY.

On the morning of August 17 she was in Kowloon dock for the purpose of being surveyed for her passenger certificate and also for her headline certificate. Her engines were being dismantled and certain repairs were to be made. On the following morning the ship left the dock in order to make room for the Portuguese gunboat "Patria." She was taken to Kowloon wharf and tied up alongside the "Derwent." The ship had her anchors and cables. While the "Loongsang" was moving out the red typhoon signal was hoisted and when the black signal went up she was towed out to Kowloon Bay by the "Henry Keswick" and another tug. The ship was anchored at about 5.30 p.m. to the northward of Channel Rocks. The ship was moored with 105 fathoms of the starboard anchor and 30 fathoms of the port anchor. The reason for the short spoke on one anchor was that as the "Loongsang" had no rudder and was "flying" he thought this would prevent her from sheering. The depth of water was 5½ fathoms. It was a calm still night and witness slept on deck.

Weather Worst.

The weather first showed signs of worsening at 3 a.m. next morning, when witness got up and had a look around. The barometer was registering 29.53 and the wind was N.N.W., about force 3. From that time on the wind increased. At about 8 a.m. he had a look at the cables as it was "blowing good and strong." There was no weight on the port cable so he left them as they were. The wind later increased to typhoon force and the barometer fell rapidly. About 9 a.m. he saw the "China" come down close to the "Loongsang." Then both started to drift astern. By this time the "Loongsang" was sheering wildly and as the other vessels went by the "Loongsang" stern swept across their bows. Up to that time the ship had not begun to drag. At 7 minutes to 10 he left the bridge. He had a look at the glass and saw it registered 28.65. He went aft any shocker as he thought perhaps his propeller would have fouled the chains of the other ships. Nobody had felt any shocks but as he was speaking to the First Officer both felt a "distinct shock." Hurrying on to the bridge, he then found they were in touch with a large ship, the "Loongsang" sweeping down the other ship's port side with the starboard side.

"All hands into lifebelts."

He then ordered the Third Officer to put all hands into lifebelts because he realised they were in danger. He then went to the forecastle head with the boat-swain and saw they were dragging their port anchor. He attempted then to clear out cable on the port anchor and the Third Officer came along to assist. The three of them, however, could not hold the cable and it ran right out of the locker and was lost.

"I then returned to the bridge in time," Capt. Jowett continued, "to see my second collision. We scraped down the port side of a medium-sized vessel, doing her damage and ships and on the poop. We went by like a flash. I then left the bridge to see that all hands had lifebelts on and ordered the crew to the top side of the bridge deck. Every man I saw had a lifebelt on. I hoped the ship might eventually strand in some place from which the crew could be got ashore safely.

"Collisions Inevitable."

I realised that collisions were inevitable and we were taking them all on the starboard side, our port side being to the weather. I returned to the bridge again to see

my third and last collision. Three vessels hove in sight pretty close together and we hit the centre one broadside on. His bow sunk into us between the No. 1 and No. 2 holds abreast of the foremast. She came off and took away half of his bridge.

She then took a tremendous list, almost on her beam end, to starboard. The weather at this time was so thick that I don't think I could see 40 yards. I then saw the crane on the Naval Yard. The ship slowly righted herself and when she had about a twenty degree list her boatdeck was awash. We passed by some naval ship and then I saw her stern sinking and knew we had touched bottom. I slipped off the high side of the bridge onto the bridge deck in time to see some of the crew go overboard. That was the last I saw of the second Engineer and his wife. The Third Officer was next to me and we attempted to shift a box into the water with the idea of giving them more to float on. I heard a rending tearing sound down below just at the moment I was washed overboard.

I presume the engine room bulkhead had then given way. The Third Officer was with me and the Second Officer, I think, remained on the poop at his proper station all the time. I did not see the First Officer after he spoke to me after the first collision. I was eventually washed ashore.

Captain's Replies.

Mr. Davidson: What was the condition of the life-saving appliances?

Captain Jowett: They were all in good condition. Was there any possibility of a boat living in that weather?—There was no possibility of a boat being launched in that weather. I think it was realised by all hands that it was impossible to trust to boats and no attempt was made to launch them.

Apart from the fact that the "Loongsang" was dismantled for survey, was she well found and seaworthy?—Yes.

The Chairman: How many men were there on board?—Thirty-five. All the deck sailors, all the stewards and one donkeyman.

Had the cables been in the ship all the time or had they been renewed?—They had been renewed frequently.

Mr. Hall Brutton: Did you protest or do anything with regard to being moved out of dock?

Captain Jowett: I could not refuse.

Did you speak to the acting Manager about it?—Not until I was out of the dock.

Do you think it was a wise procedure to put a boat in the condition you were out onto the water?—The thing is done every day in Hongkong and I couldn't object.

Was it in your opinion a wise thing?—There was nothing else to do. It is done every day.

Were you dragging or did one of the cables part?—That is a question I could not answer.

Mr. Davidson: Under what circumstances would it happen that a ship would be sent out of dock without steam?

Captain Jowett: If a vessel is undergoing survey or something like that.

There is not, I take it, dock accommodation in Hongkong for every vessel undergoing survey?—I should not think so.

FIRST OFFICER'S EVIDENCE

Mr. James Stewart Masson, Second Officer of the "Loongsang" was the next witness. It was his special duty, he said, to look after the cables when the ship was anchored and he looked at them several times on the morning of August 18. While he was talking to the Captain he felt a bump and then found the starboard cable hanging up and down. Then there was a heavy crash and the next thing he knew he was sitting on the deck of another ship. There was never any strain on the port cable. The idea of having one cable on a short spoke was so that in the event of the wind veering it could be paid out.

TUG MASTER'S OPINION.

Captain Groundwater, master of the tug "Henry Keswick" also gave evidence. He said he took the "Loongsang" out to Kowloon Bay after the black signal went up on the 17th. She was the first ship to be taken out and he took her to what he considered to be the best anchorage in Kowloon Bay on account of the muddy bottom. The "Loongsang" was, he considered properly moored.

SURVEYOR'S EVIDENCE.

The Government Marine Surveyor, Mr. Robert Hall, gave evidence about the condition of the vessel, which he was engaged in surveying just before the typhoon, while it was in the dock. He said the state of the hull was poor and certain repairs were recommended. Two links of one cable and three of another had been worn below the standard of 1.9/16 inches and the cables were recommended to be renewed.

In reply to Mr. Hall Brutton he said that from an official point of view the ship was far as ground tackle was concerned, was unworthy and it would have been impossible to use steam because she was without a rudder.

THAT \$50 PRIZE.

VOTING CONTEST SECRET.

AND HOW IT WORKS.

Yesterday we wrote that the secret of our voting contest is not merely to select the ten most popular items, but to judge what place each individually will occupy. This you will say is very hard. Only with the rarest skill could anyone get the prize that way. But the prize, we must point out, does not depend on getting all ten correct. It goes to the one who gets the most correct, the one whose selection most nearly accords with the general vote. Last week's winner, for instance, did not have all ten correct. His list was simply the nearest to the right one. Therefore it is plain that someone must win the \$50 every week. Furthermore, competitors need have little fear that the prize will be divided. The chances are very much against that. Thus you have the beautiful fact that every Wednesday someone will find himself richer by the tidy little sum of \$50, and the equally beautiful fact that this lucky someone might be—You!

A WINNER.

PROGRAMME WORTH FIVE DOLLARS!

The holder of the following theatre programme is requested to forward same to the *China Mail* office when a coupon to the value of \$5 will be issued which may be changed for goods to the same value with any of the advertisers in the *China Mail*.

Star Theatre Programme No. 77 issued Tuesday and Wednesday, September 11 and 12.

Patrons of the three Cinema Theatres, the Coronet, Star and World, are advised to retain their programmes and study the number to be found on the front page.

THE FAMILY SHRINE.

When travelling up and down this godless land,
Through Yangtze Valley towns
and everywhere;
There looms the Pan'ly Shrine on every hand,
Where Spirits of the Ancestors repair.

This link the Oriental keeps, alas!
With those who've passed and who
are no more;
Whilst Occidental leaves the
thoughts of East
And worships what for him Life has
in store.

And so he too doth have his Family Shrine,
In evidence wherever he may go;
We meet him where o'er Fortune's
soldiers' climb,
When travelling high Latitudes or
low.

These men of every living type we
know,
The rough-neck buster and the
gentle born;
Have photos of their children as
they grow,
From wife or mother, kinfolks, they
are torn.

Through life out East and all of it's
temptation,
The Drink and loneliness and every-
thing;
These pictures are to him his one
salvation,
To them in his delirium will cling.

—JOHN KYOTO.

1923.

AFLOAT AGAIN.

SUNKEN SUBMARINE IS "BROUGHT UP."

The after compartments of "L. 9" were pumped out yesterday, and on blowing some of the after tanks she floated and has been placed in shallow water off Murray Pier where she will remain for several days, says a statement from the Commodore's office. It is not convenient to the naval authorities to dock her at present, and minor repairs will be carried out where she is in order to ensure that she will remain afloat without constant attention.

Asked by Mr. Davidson for his private opinion as to whether he would have considered the cables capable of holding in the ship in view of their condition, Mr. Hall said they would.

Mr. R. Sutherland, manager of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., was then called to give evidence as to the steps to save life after the disaster.

JAPAN DISASTER.

INTERESTING INSURANCE STANDPOINT.

THE REAL FACTS.

Following the earthquake disaster in Japan much interest is now naturally being taken in viewing the catastrophe from the insurance point of view. Yesterday we reprinted a Nagasaki message stating that Japanese insurance companies are legally absolved by virtue of a clause relating to their responsibility arising from fires due directly or indirectly from earthquakes. The policy-holders will merely receive a refund covering the unexpired period of the policy. Following the example of the American underwriters at the time of the earthquake at San Francisco, the Japanese underwriters will probably voluntarily offer a certain solution besides the unexpired portion. A decision regarding what action they will take is shortly expected. We added that we could not believe that the message referred to correctly represented the position. We have, however, today had a call from the Manager of one of the large London Insurance Companies and he informs us that there are no grounds whatever for doubting any of the facts referred to in the message seeing that practically every Insurance Office whether Foreign, Japanese or Chinese works upon a uniform set of policy conditions, one of which specifically excludes from the policy the risk of fire arising directly or indirectly from earthquakes. The risk excluded can be provided for by payment of an additional premium which varies according to the locality but as far as we can learn this extra protection has only been taken advantage of to a limited extent in Japan. Prior to the earthquake in San Francisco this exclusion, although always intended to apply, was not stated in sufficiently explicit language with the result that all British Offices waived the condition and settled their losses in full—some individual Companies paying as much as one and a quarter million sterling. In one or two instances small concerns were afterwards obliged to amalgamate with the larger Companies but in no single instance did this great strain on the resources of the British Insurance capital find any Company unable to meet its liabilities to the full.

Although Japan is subject to frequent earthquake shocks there has not been one of sufficient violence to cause an outbreak of fire for very many years.

COMMERCIAL COMMENT.

METALS TRADE.

Large or even moderate orders for metals on hand have been few and far between this week. A small volume of business was done locally but no big lots changed hands. Metal men are generally busy, prices are fair, but the outlook is not particularly encouraging.

Galvanized Plain Sheets.—A sale of 80 cases of 3 x 7, 30G, is reported at 165 cts. per lb. ex godown one month's clearance.

Corrugated Sheets.—Stocks in the Colony are rather scarce and the price for 24G to 26G has advanced from 13 cents per lb. to 16 cents per lb.

Wire Nails.—Several thousand kegs are reported as having been sold at between \$10.30 and \$10.50 basis 330 usual assortment.

Round Steel Bars.—It is stated that a number of orders were called to hand at prices ranging between \$6.00 and \$6.50 per picul for 1 1/2" to 1" but without effect.

Piecegoods.—Business in indents for next spring's goods is reported to be dull. Chinese dealers' prices for winter goods have receded slightly on account of difficulty in making shipments to the interior.

Since the Japan disaster there has been some demand for white shirtings, English goods having advanced about 10% and Japanese about 5%.

On arrival of the M. M. s.s. "Cordillera" in port yesterday, the police were asked to take into custody a small armory discovered by members of the crew in a bathroom. The arms comprised 64 revolvers, 26 automatics, 10 Mausers and 9,279 rounds of ammunition.

Nos. 2 and 4, Whitfield, occupied by the China Electrical Manufacturing Co., were gutted by a fire which broke out at 4.40 this morning. The Brigade were on the scene almost immediately after the alarm was given but conditions were against the firemen. It is not known if the property is insured or not and the damage has not been assessed yet.

A Good Suggestion.

Try Chamberlain's Tablets when bilious or constipated. You are certain to be pleased with them. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by all chemists and Storekeepers.

COUNCIL MEETING.

THREE BILLS READ FOR FIRST TIME.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. There were present:—His Excellency the Governor, Sir R. B. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Major-General Sir J. S. Fowler, C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., The Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E., The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. B. A. Irving, The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, The Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, C.B.E., The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, The Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki, Mr. S. B. McElerry, Clerk of Councils.

Before the Orders of the Day were dealt with, the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe laid on the table signed copies of the statement of the grounds of his dissent from the opinion of the majority of one only which defeated the motion for the abolition of the chit restrictions, which was under discussion at last meeting of the Legislative Council.

The Orders of the Day were as follows:—

First reading of a Bill to amend the Prison Ordinance, 1899.

First reading of a Bill to repeal the Recreation Grounds Ordinance, 1909.

First reading of a Bill to provide for the management of the Chinese Recreation Ground and the expenditure of the revenue derived therefrom and to repeal the Recreation Ground Ordinances, 1914 and 1922.

Second reading of the Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Trustees of the War Memorial Nursing Home.

Second reading of the Bill to prevent certain fraudulent transfer of businesses.

The Attorney-General addressed the meeting and moved the reading of the Bills. The Colonial Secretary seconded and the motions were unanimously carried.

Before the Council adjourned, His Excellency the Governor read to the members a letter he had received from the Japanese Consul-General, and the copy of a telegram from the Foreign Minister of Japan, sincerely thanking the Governor, Legislative Council and Colony for their expressions of sympathy in Japan's recent terrible disaster.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

LATEST COUNCIL VOTES.

\$2,500 FOR TYPHOON HAVOC.

The following financial minutes submitted by H.E. the Governor were considered by this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council:—

\$11,700 on account of Sanitary Department, special expenditure, one wooden refuse lighter.

\$2,500 on account of Botanical and Forestry Department, special expenditure, typhoon damages.

\$25,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Waterworks, (53) new workshop and plant.

\$3,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, motor launch for taking soundings and making current observations.

\$10,000 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, Bridge No. 14.

MRS MAY SAVED.

RESCUED AFTER NARROW ESCAPE IN QUAKE.

A message has been received here reporting the safety of Mrs. G. H. May, wife of Mr. M. Y. of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, who is still missing in Hongkong, having formerly been Messrs. Kelly and Walsh's manager here for some time. He was recently transferred to the Yokohama office, now totally destroyed in the earthquake.

Mrs. May had a remarkable escape. She was in the street when the earthquake began and was soon buried in the debris of falling buildings. Fortunately she was speedily rescued, with some bad bruises and a few burns. Mrs. May was among the refugees who reached Shanghai by the "Empress of Canada."

DO YOU
SEE
SHADOWS?

S.S. "NAMSANG."

MAY BE EMPLOYED AS RELIEF SHIP.

A Bulletin issued by the Hongkong Relief Committee yesterday states:—

Telegraphic correspondence is passing between the Committee and the Commander-in-Chief regarding tentative enquiries re the employment of the s.s. "China" as a relief ship. The Commander-in-Chief recommends the employment of the s.s. "Namsang" with accommodation for 20 first class and 30 second class passengers, as the best qualified solution of the question. The ship is in Japanese waters and instantly ready for use.

A Committee of local ladies has been formed to collect secondhand European clothing at the City Hall for despatch to devastated areas. The Japanese section of the committee submit that galvanized sheets, wire nails, and roofing composition for re-construction of temporary buildings; also supplies of Winter singlets for adults and children, flannel shirts or flannel piece-goods to make shirts, sewing needles and cotton thread might be despatched direct to Yokohama. They have undertaken to ship free and cover insurance thereon.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE FLIRT"

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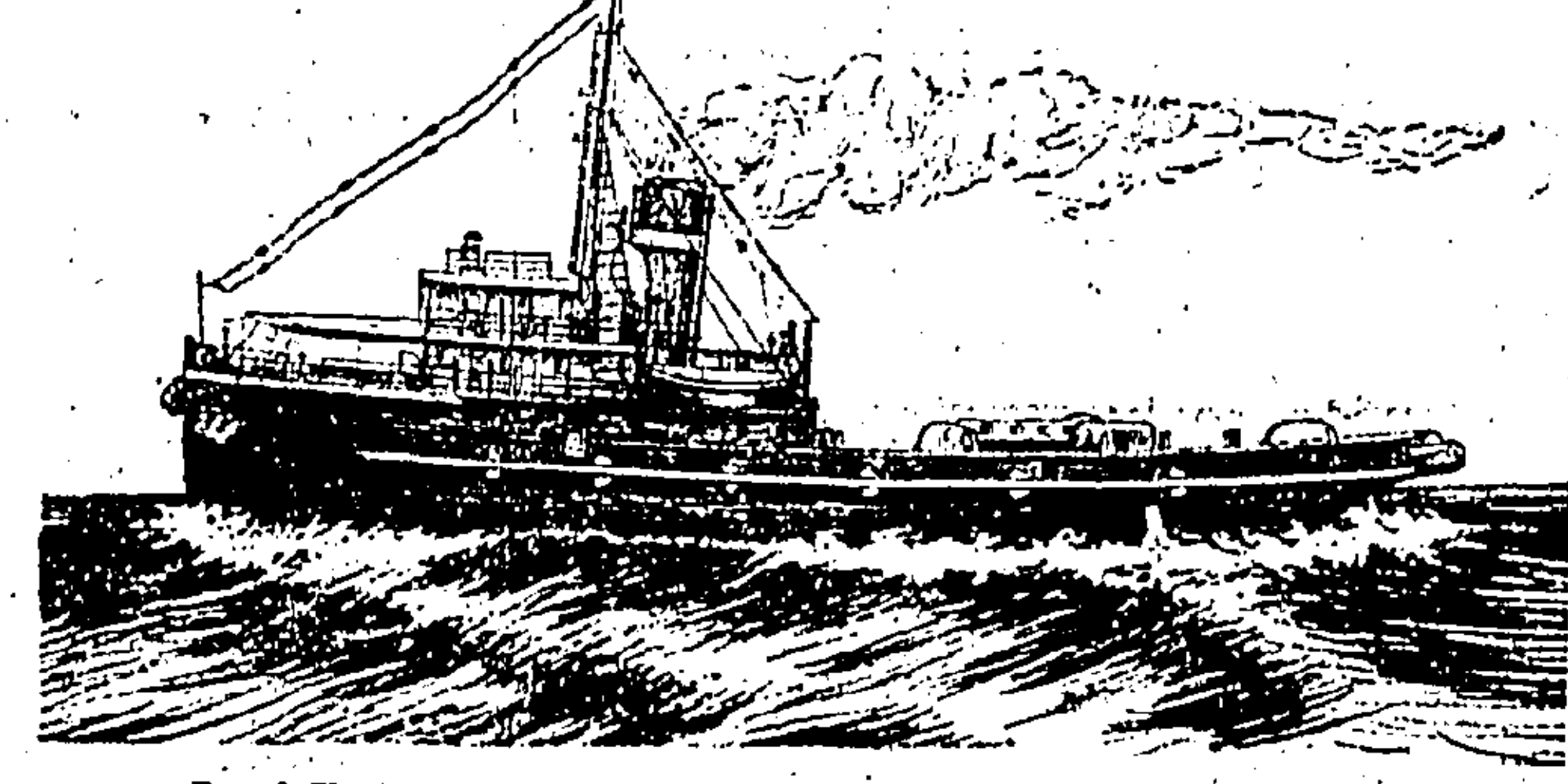
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COMMENTS AND CRITICISMS

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EDUCATION.

The *Overland China Mail* has been a specially interesting lately by virtue of the many columns of discussion regarding the proposed new school for British children.

A determination has been expressed, I see, to give young Britons in the Far East as good an education as can be obtained at home.

Meaningful educational experts at home are discussing what is meant by education and there is good opportunity of him and conflict of opinion regarding this most vital question.

The Principal of Columbia University, Dr. C. I. Loomis, recently in London, is this topic as an illustration of the wrong idea of education the young college student grasping his newly acquired diploma or degree certificate, rushing into the arms of his admiring parents and exclaiming "Thank God. At last I am educated."

This is a false offer of certain education and as these men are of interest to Hongkong parents I repeat them here.

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CHINESE VERSUS ENGLISH.

While on the same theme reference may be made to a recent letter to the *Times* written by an Indian who complains that the compulsory learning and examining of native students in the English language is contrary to the true interests of education.

Native students, he thinks, ought to be allowed to answer questions, say in a science examination for example, in their own tongue, as it is their natural medium of thought and expression.

He counters the argument that native languages contain no scientific terms by declaring that English has borrowed its scientific terminology from Latin and Greek.

Perhaps many of the students of Hongkong University will regard with approval the suggestion that they should answer the majority of their exam papers in Chinese.

THE UNIVERSITY.

I noticed the other day an advertisement for a post as lecturer in the Hongkong University, which stated that "Previous teaching experience is desirable but not essential."

Now in educational circles it is, I believe, generally regarded as indispensable that a teacher or lecturer is of very little value until he (or she) has had experience. In Scotland where every teacher must be qualified, the full certificate is not granted until the teacher has actually been teaching for two years. It is well known that the teacher's

experience is usually bought at the expense of his pupils and it may quite reasonably be postulated that during the first two years he is not earning his salary.

Moreover, were the best teacher in Europe suddenly transferred to Hongkong he must spend at least another year acquiring the necessary experience of altered conditions before he becomes efficient. In all then at least three years are necessary before the teacher finds his feet. The period of contract in the advertisement was three years and it occurred to me that if the authorities selected a man without experience and he stayed only one term then there is bad business somewhere.

Beyond all argument, for the post offered, experience counts above everything. Of course if the work in the classroom is regarded as subsidiary to sport on the cricket field or tennis court then the above remark must be cancelled.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

So far as I can judge there is absolutely no enthusiasm manifested here regarding the Government's decision to spend over ten millions on a new naval base at Singapore.

It seems also that further expenditure will be necessary for a subsidiary base at Trincomalee in Ceylon. The newspapers make no attempt to deny that Japan, our staunch ally in the last war, is our potential enemy in the next.

When one considers that we are now preparing to defend ourselves against (1) France, (2) Japan, the facility of all war is apparent.

One point with regard to Singapore is worth remembering and that is that if a Labour Government succeeds the present administration it is more than likely that the construction of the base will suddenly cease. There is a strong case for the Labour view that the ten millions ought to be spent on housing, public health, education, child welfare, widow's pensions and in a dozen other directions at home rather than on a magnificent imperialistic gesture in the Pacific Ocean. Lately four Scottish M.P.'s were suspended while protesting against the withdrawal of milk supplies, starving mothers.

They are now back again in Parliament but they are not chastened in any way. The ring-leader in the suspension incident was the famous James Maxton, M.A. Keep your eye on him; he's a coming man.

FRANCE.

Practically the only two daily papers of any influence which now consistently back up the aggressive French attitude in the Ruhr are the *Morning Post* and the *Daily Mail*. Lately the Prussian methods of the French have received strong condemnation from several quarters. For example ever since the Geneva Conference in the spring of last year Mr. Gerwin has made quite clear his attitude to M. Poincaré and his policy. The famous editor now lives upon military ascendancy, under-estimating all other international forces. "Britain," continues the editor, "hicks away as the ladder where-by one has risen but which he needs no more. This temporary success is like the Kaiser's, the ultimate catastrophe of his methods is certain."

Mr. Gerwin adds "That to suppose that all Europe can be subject perpetually to the armed domination of fifty million French and Belgians, plus three hundred thousand or half a million black men in tin helmets, is a theory only worthy of the brains of an ape."

THE WEATHER.

Perhaps you read of our heat wave which lasted exactly five minutes by the clock. Do not be deceived by the alluring pictures of damsels in bathing attire. They have probably done duty for several years.

The past summer has been fairly cold and decidedly wet, while the winter has been extremely mild.

There has been, in fact, very little difference between summer and winter.

I have, however, seen no fog since leaving Hongkong over a year ago.

I am glad to be able to state that, in spite of all allegations to the contrary, the climate of the old country remains the finest climate in the world.

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Now in educational circles it is, I believe, generally regarded as indispensable that a teacher or lecturer is of very little value until he (or she) has had experience. In Scotland where every teacher must be qualified, the full certificate is not granted until the teacher has actually been teaching for two years. It is well known that the teacher's

HOME POLITICS.

THE POSITION OF PARTIES.

THE NEW OPPOSITION.

MR. BALDWIN'S DIFFICULTIES
AND OPPORTUNITIES.

LONDON, August 4.

At the end of a long and heavy session all parties are trying to estimate how they have fared and whether they have advanced or fallen back during that testing period.

The development of Parliamentary events, writes *Reuter's* Chief Parliamentary Editor, has scarcely been normal, for the sudden resignation of Mr. Bonar Law upset all predictions and reacted not only on the Conservative party itself but on all the other parties. The advent of a new Prime Minister has a suspensory effect on the House. With the sporting spirit which permeates all parties everyone is anxious to give a new leader a fair chance and the House waits until it sees how he is shaping. Mr. Baldwin has no reason to complain of the way in which he has been treated by the House and the House has every reason to be satisfied with his head. He has been courteous and conciliatory and has shown all the indefinable qualities which go to constitute a successful leader of the House and the Opposition parties, in return, have shown themselves very willing to facilitate the progress of business. So far as the actual conduct of Parliamentary business is concerned no Government would have had a smoother and more comfortable time and all parties co-operated to bring the session to a close in time to give members a summer holiday.

The Labour Party has settled down and is studying with considerable success the rôle of an orthodox Opposition. There have been various ebullitions from the Labour benches during the session but these need not be taken too seriously and disorderly outbursts find no favour with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald who is proving himself an adroit parliamentarian and is turning to good account his long experience of the House.

The position of Liberals and National Liberals remains very much what it was. The reunion movement for the time being and those who were its warmest advocates have deemed it best to let events take their course and trust to the compelling force of circumstances to bring about a real fusion. When the two groups find themselves in active opposition to the Government on an important issue, fusion may come about naturally, but at the moment the parties are as divided as they were after the general election, but the whole tendency of the National Liberals is to incline towards the Liberals rather than towards a hypothetical centre party. One National Liberal has recently joined the Conservative Party and it is said that his example may be followed by one or two more, but on the whole, the party remains under the banner of Mr. Lloyd George and is content to await developments.

Mr. Lloyd George himself has made several speeches this session but they have not been altogether successful. It is, however, impossible to imagine that so dynamic a person as he, has not still a great part to play in public life, and it is understood that he is prepared to suffer a temporary eclipse and bide his opportunity.

All parties have their cross currents and in none can it be said that there is complete unity of policy. Complete unity is perhaps unattainable in the political world and any statesman is content if he can get a reasonable amount of agreement. The Labour party by Mr. Snowden's resolution is definitely committed to a Socialist policy but within the Labour party there are various interpretations of that policy and varying views as to how it is to be carried out. When the next election comes and when, presumably, the Labour party has a chance of improving its position with perhaps a possibility of becoming the dominant party, there will be intense interest to see what the Labour programme will be, and what issue will be put in the forefront. Meanwhile the Labour party on the whole, performs its duties successfully, as the official opposition.

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GAMES OF CHANCE.

MANAGER OF STANTON'S CONVICTED.

In view of the attitude of the local authorities when Stanton's Midway Shows were encamped in Kowloon some time ago, the following from the *N.C. Daily News* of September 6 is of especial interest. The excerpt reads:

Mr. G. W. King yesterday gave his decision on the charge against Mr. F. W. Howard, manager of Stanton's Midway Shows, of having permitted gambling to take place on the show ground in Hardoon Road, contrary to the conditions of the Municipal Licence. His Worship found that two of the games played were games of chance, but imposed a nominal fine only, in view of the fact that the gambling was only of a very limited nature.

The judgment, which is of some general interest, reads:—This is a charge brought by the Shanghai Municipal Police against Mr. F. W. Howard, manager of Stanton's Midway Shows, which is at present appearing in the Hardoon Road. The summons runs as follows:—"That he, being the licensee of Stanton's Midway Shows, Hardoon Road, did on August 28, 1923, permit gambling contrary to condition 8 of his licence, and by-law 34."

Mr. Reader Harris, counsel for the defendant, raised two preliminary points: (1) that the Court has jurisdiction; (2) that the by-law provides a penalty only for not obtaining a licence to hold a fair, etc., and does not provide for a breach of a condition of a licence issued under the by-law.

WORDING OF THE BY-LAW.

I need not again reiterate my reasons for holding that the Court has jurisdiction in the matter, and on the second point I am of the same opinion as I held in the case of Rex (S.M.P.) v. Haimovitch, decided as long ago as January, 1909, that after the words "provisions of the by-law," the words "of any condition in any licence issued under the by-law," must be read into the by-law. To decide otherwise seems to me to make any person who takes out a licence under by-law 34 immune from any prosecution: e.g., any reasonable and necessary conditions can be made on the issue of a licence to him which he can break or decline to carry out at his own sweet will—rather an impossible state of affairs. It is much to be regretted that the change in the wording of the by-law was not made after the case (*supra*) in 1909.

As the two preliminary points taken by Mr. Reader Harris were decided against his client, the case proceeded and evidence as to the alleged gambling was led by the police. In the licence issued to the defendant, condition 8 reads:

"that no . . . gambling be permitted on the premises." The question to be determined, therefore, is whether on the evidence brought the defendant comes within the purview of the above condition of his licence. There is, so far as I am aware, no legal definition of the word gambling, and no definition was submitted to me by the counsel appearing.

A reference to the standard dictionaries shows that the word is defined as "to play or game for money"—a definition not very helpful in the present case. The word as commonly used has many shades of meanings and is applied to various things of diverse character, so that it would be said that a man gambled (*inter alia*) if he played for stakes at cards or dice, betted at races, or dealt in shares not for cash, or took chances in lotteries. The essential element always present in the use of the word is that chance predominates and that skill or knowledge is not the determining factor. I would be inclined to define gambling broadly as the termination of a fact on the result of which a pecuniary liability generally depends, by lot or chance.

ELEMENTS OF SKILL AND CHANCE.

Now the police have based their case on three games played at this show on the night of August 28, and ask me to rule that these games show there was gambling on that day. The games may be described (1) as the submarine (11) darts, and (111) spinning board. I need not go into the details of the playing of these games; they were quite adequately and clearly described by the one witness called, Police Constable Tulloch. The last of the three is admitted by the defendant to be a game of chance, but he states it is played generally only by women and children for prizes of perfume and chocolates. The second I hold is one of a certain amount of skill and therefore is not gambling. There remains the first. I am interested in the statement, which I assume is correct, that the Hongkong police authorities had cognizance of this game and permitted it to be played with the condition that one slightest shot be allowed to the person operating the switch. I know no more than this, but I am unable to come to any conclusion on the facts before me other than that in this game the element of

chance so much overshadows that of skill that it is a game of chance. It follows therefore that I must hold the spinning game and submarine game come within the definition above given of gambling, and that the defendant has broken condition 8 of the licence.

NOT A TEST CASE.

Having come to this conclusion, it finally remains with me to determine what penalty shall be inflicted on the defendant for his breach. I am informed by counsel for the police that this is in the nature of a test case, and is brought to prevent Chinese licensees permitting gambling on licensed premises. This reasoning does not seem sound to me, for a decision of this Court cannot be binding on any other Court in Shanghai. It is also clearly stated by the prosecution that there is no

suggestion of dishonesty in the playing of these games, nor was it claimed that they were a mischief of a public nature which must be suppressed in the public interest; the prosecution would find some difficulty in sustaining such a claim with the evidence disclosed of the nature of the games and the small profit accruing to the management. The defendant has stated that in many other places where the show has been performed no objections have been raised, and it is known that the Hongkong police authorities did not deem it necessary to meet the views of the police as to alteration or suppression of these games. There is the evidence given as to what happened on August 21, and it cannot be suggested that the conduct of defendant has been unreasonable.

Taking all the above factors into consideration, it seems to me a fine of \$1 is an adequate penalty.

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POLO NOTES.

INTERPORT DATE FIXED.

COMMENT ON THE TEAMS.

A cable has been received from Shanghai stating that the Shanghai polo team consisting of Messrs. McMichael, Hickling, Grogan and Newbiggin will arrive by the "Empress of Russia" on about September 23. Their ponies are already en route on an Indo-China ship.

The Interport match will be played on Saturday, September 29, and the Colony will probably be represented by a team selected from—Mr. Boyd, Captain Neville, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Dent and Mr. Judd. Mr. Bartholomew has unfortunately been laid up with malaria and is now recuperating by a trip up the coast, but it is hoped that he will be back in time fit enough to play in the match. Mr. Judd is a new-comer and a great acquisition to the Club. Having played for several years in India, Mr. Judd has an excellent knowledge of the game and had he had longer to get used to China ponies, there would have been no doubt as to his inclusion in the team.

The Colony players will, if all goes well, be better mounted than last year. A generous member of the Club has placed a sum of money at the disposal of the Committee for the purpose of purchasing and keeping one or two additional ponies and this has just made the difference of providing players with a selection of mounts instead of the usual allotment. Of the old ponies, Mr. Boyd's veterans Devonport, Ringwood, Springer and Hurry Jane and Captain Neville's Benjamin and Han River, will provide their riders with well proved mounts. Amongst ponies which will play in an Interport match for the first time, Pickpocket, the property of Mrs. Boyd and Rivergrass, lent for the match by Mrs. Bernard, are outstanding in speed and handiness. Mr. Bartholomew also possesses a very fast new pony.

For the visitors it is anticipated that Mr. McMichael will play at No. 4, Mr. Hickling at No. 3, Mr. Newbiggin at No. 2 and Mr. Grogan at No. 1. Of these Mr. McMichael's mighty hitting is well known to Hongkong players and Mr. Hickling's stick work and good horse-ship was expected to have got him into the Shanghai team last year. Messrs. Newbiggin and Grogan are not so well known to Hongkong players but both are said to hit well all round and to ride hard and well.

THEATRICALS.

CLEVER YOUNG ARTISTES.

Miss Tina Gerald and Mr. Tom Fenwick presented a selection from their repertoire to a keenly appreciative audience at Canton last Tuesday. The programme was "Oxy Amateurs," "Stiffy Wins," "The Intruder," and "Unwilling Wilfred."

Three of these plays are comedies, whilst Mr. Fenwick's own mystery play, "The Intruder," serves as an excellent relief, and makes up a harmonious whole. Mr. Fenwick caused much amusement with his comedy impersonations whilst Miss Gerald acted with great charm and freshness. She is a gifted little lady whose acting is delightfully natural. In her hands, all her parts are made to "live," and she is particularly amusing in "Stiffy Wins" and "Unwilling Wilfred."

Hongkong and Kowloon will have its last opportunity to witness these clever people at the Star Theatre on Saturday next. Their programme will be the same as the above. Mr. Fenwick had intended to present an all comedy bill, but by special request is including his own play, "The Intruder."

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The telegrams quoted below were received from the Manila Observatory by the local American Consulate General Hongkong:—

1 p.m. Sept. 13.
Cyclone or typhoon E. of Southern Formosa direction unknown.
Cyclone or typhoon near or over the Formosa Channel moving S. W.
The red cone was hoisted to-day at 12.25 p.m.

ANOTHER SAVED.

MRS. VIEL ON BOARD ANDRE LEBON.

A telegram has been received from the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, stating that Mrs. Viel (wife of Mr. Viel of Jardine's) is also safe and on board the "Andre Lebon."

Sir Duncan Carmichael, formerly a partner in the firm of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., whose death was announced on June 23, left £28,250. He bequeathed £50,000 the Mariners' Asylum at Greenock and the Orphan Homes, Scotland.

K. K. K. IN SHANGHAI.

STUDENTS GET BUSY AGAIN.

WHITE HOODS AND STETSONS.

The Chinese Ku Klux Klan, which will carry on activities similar to the American organization, is the latest aberration of a number of Chinese students in Shanghai, according to a report received by the *Sunday Times*.

Returned students from America brought the intimate details of the organization with them, and the Chinese version of the white hooded horde is to be based on the parent organization. Already a large number of students are reported to have sworn their allegiance to the new body. In addition to Shanghai, a branch at Nanking, and another in Peking are in the process of formation so that the whole nation will feel the effect of the powerful association—that is, if it ever gets beyond the stage of a mere farce—a very doubtful speculation.

The Klan trappings, so impressive and majestic in the flash-light pictures of Klan gatherings occasionally given in privileged papers, have not been neglected. A white gown and hood, not bordered with a red cross, but with a red or yellow dragon, according to the many degrees which will distinguish the Klansmen, will be worn. A solemn and tremendous oath, consecrating members to the service of the country and eradication of abuses in the secret and drastic manner of the Klan, will be administered to all members.

Naturally, the proceedings will be in secret, and the utmost secrecy will be observed in all its workings, but the information gives the impression that such a secret will not exist for long. What will undoubtedly happen will be that the Klan will be nothing but one of the noisy protestant student organizations with which everybody in China is familiar.

Such important pieces of statecraft as bombarding ministers with telegrams, manifestoes, appeals, memoranda and the like, and strikes at schools when one student objects to his teacher, will doubtless be all they will accomplish.

The Chinese students have Stetson hats, American shoes, and an American twang about their English so perhaps in their desire to emulate Americans they had to establish the Ku Klux Klan.

CHAIR COOLIES.

RUDENESS PUNISHED.

Mr. L. S. Perry, broker, of No. 8 Des Voeux Road Central and 18 Conduit Road, was the complainant in a case before Mr. C. D. Melbourn this morning when a chair cooler was charged with demanding more than the legal fare, behaving rudely and using insulting language yesterday.

In evidence Mr. Perry stated that he took the chair at the junction of Garden Road and the Albany, the chair being in the Bowen Road stand. His journey home occupied eleven minutes at the end of which he tendered 25 cents, the legal fare being 20 cents. He alleged that the defendant, who was the front cooler, insisted on 30 cents and barred his way into the house in spite of protests.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$6.

ELECTION FARCE.

NO QUORUM AVAILABLE IN PEKING.

PEKING, Sept. 12.
Peking was beflagged to-day in view of the Presidential Election, but Parliament failed to find a quorum by more than 100 members. A proposal to turn the meeting into an informal one led to disorder, and the meeting broke up. It is believed that another attempt at an election will be made on Friday.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin*.

The Prime Minister of Australia (Hon. S. M. Bruce), on returning from his recent tour of Western Australia, said:—"Nothing impressed me more than the group settlements. Already there are 55 groups scattered through nine districts of the south-west corner of Western Australia, an area of rich land capable of carrying a million people."

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BREVITY AND PIPE.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONALITY.

ESTABLISHING HIS POSITION.

LONDON, August 9.

Ten years ago, writers *Reuter's* Chief Parliamentary Editor, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, was unknown to his opponents and little known to his political friends; some six years ago he was recognised as a useful addition to the Government Bench in the second Coalition Administration; later he was accepted as a valuable member in the post-war Coalition Government, and now everybody is wondering why he was not discovered sooner. A distinguished Liberal leader confessed to me that during the prolonged political struggle which preceded the truce imposed by the war, he had no recollection of Mr. Baldwin as a member of the Opposition ranks and, in fact, in all that protracted fight, Mr. Baldwin did not play a conspicuous part. When he became Secretary to the Treasury in the Coalition, he quickly showed that his business training was of value in connection with the financial affairs of the State, and it was then that members found, that in addition to financial capacity, he possessed a pretty wit and some of his bon mots are still quoted appreciatively.

When he became President of the Board of Trade in Mr. Lloyd George's Administration, the House began to have a better sense of his capacity, shrewd common sense and debating skill, but it never realised that the man who was regarded as a good departmental chief was destined within a few years to become Prime Minister. One of the leaders in the Conservative revolt against the Coalition was asked what the ministers would have done if Mr. Bonar Law had not been allowed by his doctors to come forward, and the reply was:—"We had our eyes on another man." The other man was Mr. Baldwin and the ministers could not have made a better choice if Mr. Bonar Law had not been available.

The House has had experience of Mr. Baldwin only for part of a summer session, but not only his followers but his opponents are quite convinced that, if there is to be a Conservative regime, Mr. Baldwin is an admirable head of it. He enjoys the personal goodwill of all his political adversaries and, so far as domestic questions in the House are concerned, he has inaugurated that regime of tranquillity which was the dream of Mr. Bonar Law. The work of the session has gone smoothly and if difficulties lie ahead, they have, as yet, not troubled themselves.

The Conservative party as a whole seems satisfied that it has made the right choice, but some time must necessarily elapse before Mr. Baldwin can establish his full authority both with the House and in the Cabinet. He does not enjoy the prestige of a leader like Mr. Bonar Law who has led his party to victory at a general election and he has yet to show his mettle, but his friends are more than confident that in a very short time he will be firmly established and in the present crisis in international affairs he will require all the authority which a British Prime Minister can wield. Unquestionably his party trusts him and his personal qualities have contributed to his success. The unassuming man, without showy gifts or pretensions to genius, can sometimes get his way among his colleagues more easily than the brilliant dominating statesman, and perhaps part of Mr. Baldwin's good fortune is that he has not yet disclosed how clever and brilliant he is. Probably he is much cleverer than most people suspect, but he does not provoke animosity or excite jealousy.

Mr. Baldwin indeed appeals to a wide section of public opinion. He is a man of business, for he was identified at one time with the great firm of Baldwins Ltd., which is concerned with coal iron and steel and the industrial members of the House attach values to his opinions on all trade and commercial subjects. He is enough of a farmer to appeal to the agricultural interest and he has told us that his hobby is pig breeding. He is a scholarly man and his speeches are an excellent example of clear-cut nervous English. He is economical of words and the words he uses are, for preference, short. A study of his speeches, both inside the House and out, shows his liking for monosyllables. "If I fail, I shan't whine" is a typical Baldwin sentence.

In one respect he may have an important effect on English social life. He is a devotee of the pipe and scorns ultra cigars and cigarettes. The pipe is not allowed, to the chagrin of many diners, at formal public banquets, but when the Prime Minister attends, there is a tendency to disregard etiquette and even though ladies may be present, pipes are permitted.—*Reuter*.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

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Memories of the assassination of Governor William Goebel, who was shot to death as he entered the State House in Frankfort, Kentucky, 24 years ago, were revived by the discovery that James B. Howard, mountaineer, who was once given a life term for complicity with Henry Yontzel and Caleb Powers in the murder, is in the Stuttgart State Penitentiary, serving a term for forgery. Howard and Powers were pardoned by a Republican Governor in 1908, Powers later becoming Secretary of State in Kentucky and later going to Congress. Yontzel was pardoned by a Democratic Governor later. Howard, who is 62, is serving his second term. He recently escaped, and a heavily armed posse, expecting a battle, pursued him. However, he surrendered, saying: "Yontzel is in the ministry, Powers is in Congress, and I am in the Arkansas Penitentiary."



Virginia Harris, a 17-year-old girl, has issued a challenge to fight Mike, Jean LaMar, France's woman light-weight champion. Miss Harris was taught the "mala" art by her father, a former professional boxer.



Reginald C. Vanderbilt and his bride, who was Miss Gloria Morgan, has returned to America, after a visit to his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hays Morgan, in Brussels, where Mr. Morgan is American Consul General.



Henry Ford has passed John D. Rockefeller as the world's richest man, the Detroit automobile manufacturer being worth, according to conservative estimates, at least one billion dollars. Rockefeller's wealth is considered a close second. Hugo Stinnes, the great German industrialist, is believed to rank as the third richest man. Andrew H. Mellon, of Pittsburgh, now Secretary of the Treasury in President Harding's Cabinet, is worth at least \$100,000,000. The Duke of Westminster, largest owner of landed estates and other property in England, is believed to be worth \$100,000,000. Baron Mutsaers is known as "the Rockefeller of Japan." The Gierkar of Baroda is India's wealthiest potentate, with incalculable wealth. Percy A. Rockefeller is believed to have inherited at least \$150,000,000 from his father, the late William Rockefeller, brother of John D.



Here is shown a simple little cottage at Kimball, Minn., of United States Senator Magnus Johnson, real dirt farmer and supposed radical, who has been elected to the United States Senate to fill the unexpired term of the late Knute Nelson. Mrs. Johnson, who milks seven cows before breakfast, will not accompany her husband to Washington, but will stay at home on the farm. Modest as their little frame dwelling may be, "we have a fine fire," says the new Senator, and this picture shows he is right. The Johnson children consist of Lillian, 24; Agnes, 10; Victor, 19; Florence, 9; Francis, 7, and Magnus, Jr., 14.



United States Senator Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, who has just returned to his desk in Washington after an extensive tour of investigation, demanded that the late President Harding call an extra session of Congress to pass legislation urged by the farmer and labour blocks in Congress.



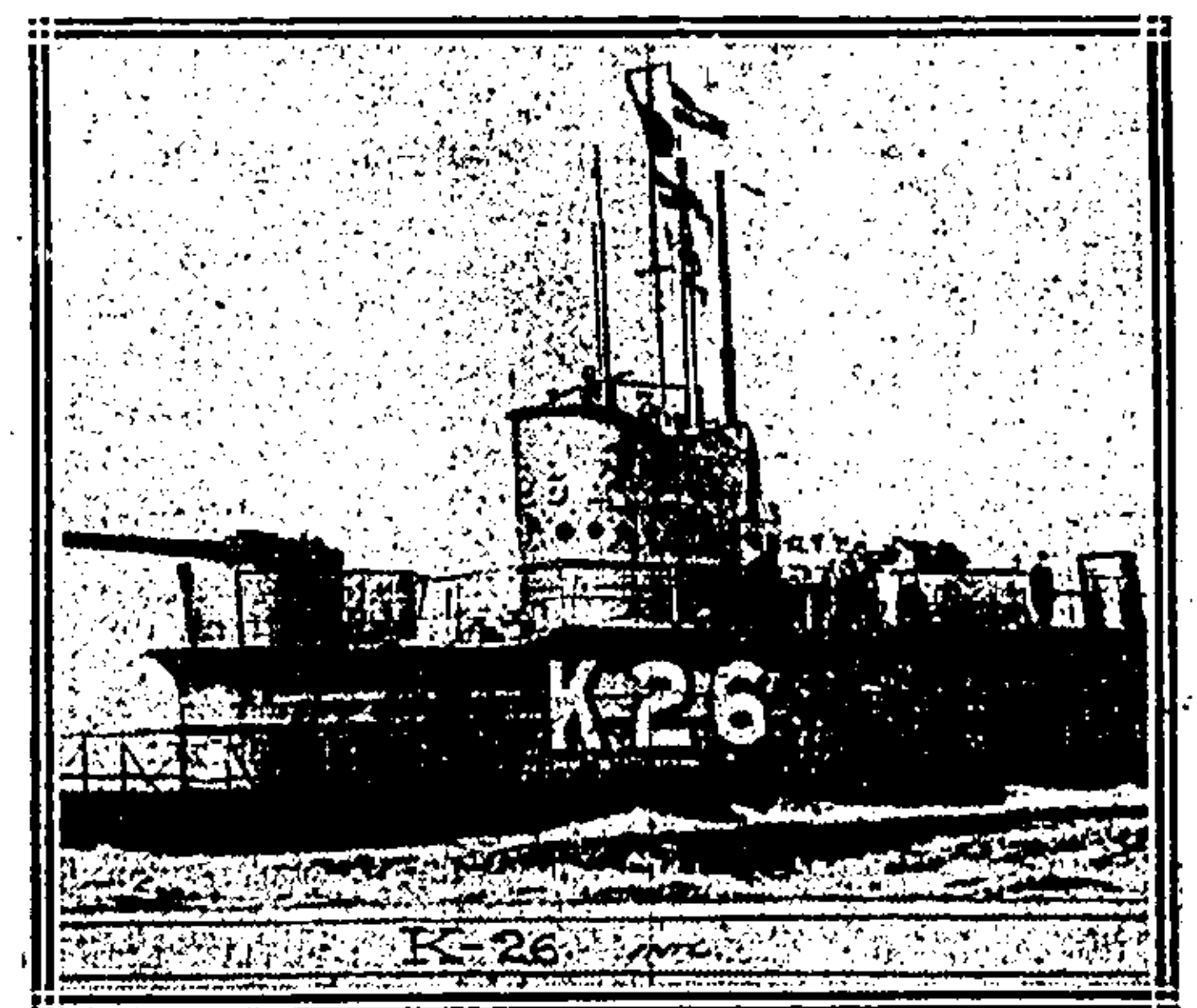
Despite the belief that speed typists must use all their fingers, Miss Birdie Reeves, writes 250 words a minute, using only two fingers on each hand. This is believed to be the world's record for speed.



Mr. G. B. Winston has just been appointed Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, in charge of the Fiscal Office, in Washington.



Dr. Lewis Thomas, famous French physician, director of the cancer research laboratory of the Pasture Institute, in Paris, has arrived in America. He was sent by his Government to spread propaganda of French science throughout America.



Above is shown the turret of the K-26, the newest of England's submarines, "mystery ship" that has aroused so much interest in naval circles. The submarine mounts a long-range nine-inch gun, seen forward, and during her trial spins attained great speed, both on the surface and submerged.

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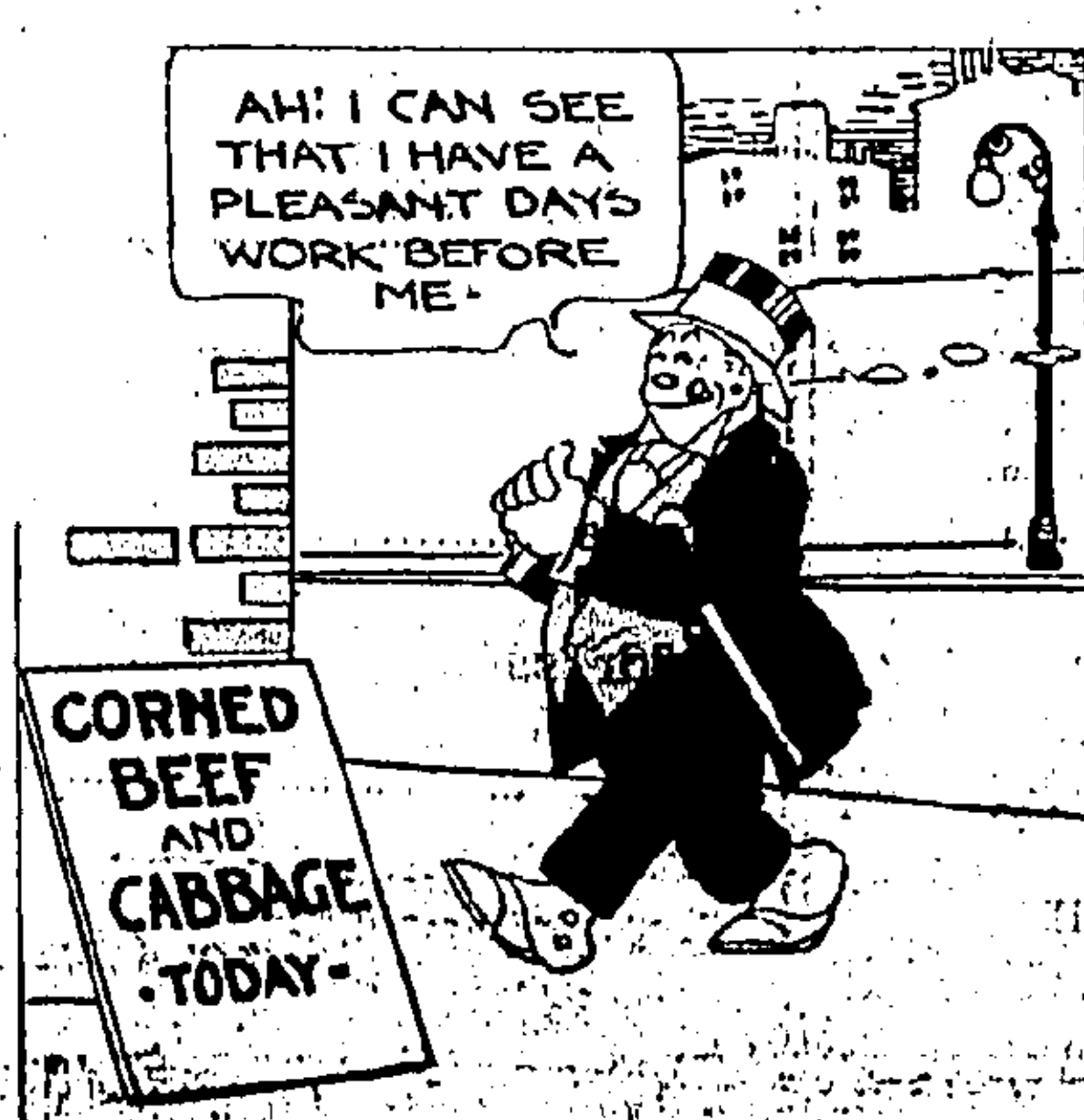
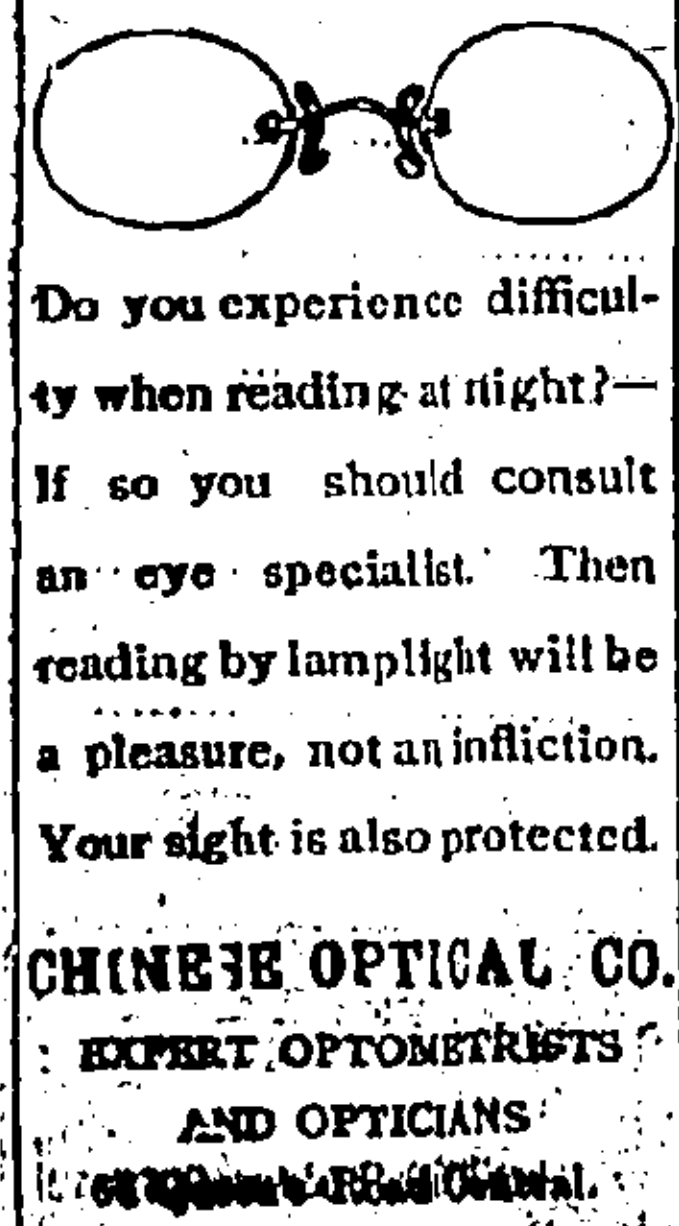
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compiled at the National Almanac Office
in London from the result of the analysis
of observations taken by means of an
automatic tide-recording machine in the
Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui
during the years 1903-9.
The zero of the table corresponds with
the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty
Shack, which has been found to be 4 feet
inches below mean sea-level.
To obtain the depth of water on the
tide gauge at the Victoria Water Yard
add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at
the Central Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet
inches to the height given in the table.

September 10 to 16, 1923.

Date	Time	High Water		Low Water	
		Standard Time	Height	Standard Time	Height
Mon. 10	10	10.15	7.7	10.15	3.0
Tues. 11	11	10.15	7.7	10.15	3.0
Wed. 12	12	10.15	7.7	10.15	3.0
Thurs. 13	13	10.15	7.7	10.15	3.0
Fri. 14	14	10.15	7.7	10.15	3.0
Sat. 15	15	10.15	7.7	10.15	3.0
Sun. 16	16	10.15	7.7	10.15	3.0

Board of Conservancy Works of

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Waterlevels in English Feet at 8 a.m.

Place of Observation	Height of Water	Height of Tide
Wanchow	+ 70.50	- 2.42
West River	+ 70.50	- 2.42
Kowloon	+ 70.50	- 2.42
North River	+ 70.50	- 2.42
Central River	+ 70.50	- 2.42
East River	+ 70.50	- 2.42

WEATHER REPORT.

Sept. 12d. 18h. 18m.—Warning
to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.:—
Depression of typhoon in Lat. 19
N. Long. 128 E., position uncertain,
direction unknown.

Sept. 13d. 12h. 00m.—Warning to
Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.:—
Depression of typhoon of unknown
intensity within 60 miles of Lat. 24
N. Long. 120 E., direction unknown.

Sept. 13d. 12h. 25m.—Local
signal No. 1 hoisted.
Sept. 13d. 12h. 10m.—Pressure
has decreased moderately over the
Pescadores and increased moderately
at Keelung. It has increased
slightly from Tongking to the
Philippines.

There are no signs of the western
typhoon this morning, but there ap-
pears to be a small depression or
typhoon a little to the north of the
Pescadores. Its direction of motion
is unknown. It may be travelling
W.S.W.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.1 inch.
Total since January 1st, 51.2 inches,
against an average of 70.9 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on Sept. 14, 1923.
1.—Fuzhou Channel, Cyclonic gales.
2.—South coast of China—N.W. winds
increasing to gale; N.W. winds
possibly increasing to gale; N.W. first
rain later.

3.—Hongkong to Cap Rock, N.W.
winds, possibly increasing to gale; first
rain later.
4.—South coast of China—N.W. winds
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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1923.—a.m.

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